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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **DECEMBER 3, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on December 3, 2015 at 9:45 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, MA, LRC, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Vice-Chair
Diane Licht, LPC, Committee Member
Peter Economou, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Ph.D., LPC, LCADC, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst (Public Session)
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to approve the November 5, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:
William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA
Lisa Thomas
Carly B. Path
Brittany Wolfson
Edina Renfro-Michel

Les Kooyman
Salvador Reyes
Lucille Geswaldi

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 5,381 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors.) Currently there are applications and reinstatements pending.

* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1, and 17.1

Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Glasgow, discussed with the Committee and members of the public the procedure for the proposed regulation changes to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1, and 17.1. The public comment period closed on November 20, 2015, and all public comments will be reviewed by the Committee at the January meeting, along with a proposal of the changes.

There were 92 total public comments regarding the regulation changes presented for review to the Committee.

B. Assembly Bill 4702

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4702, which provides that if a minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians may authorize forensic sexual assault examination and urgent medical care without parental consent.

Upon motion made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to support the bill as presented. Voting in favor: all.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None to review.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners

The Committee reviewed the letter from the North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners regarding reciprocity.

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to refer the North Dakota Board to the current New Jersey law for reciprocity, N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.5 for their review. Voting in favor: all.

B. Technology Based Clinical Supervision

The Committee reviewed the points of standards developed by NASW, NBCC, AMFT, and several state addiction, mental health and behavioral licensing boards, for consideration as a basis for common regulations in New Jersey, submitted by Dr. Ed

Reading.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

C. American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB)

The Committee reviewed the November 18, 2015 correspondence from AASCB.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to review.

X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA addressed the Committee regarding the NJCA's position of the proposed amendment to regulation **N.J.A.C.** 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1.

XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Sub-Committee:

The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. Draft will be presented for Committee review at a later date.

B. Internet Counseling:

Committee member Peter Economou is working with Assistant Deputy Director Terry Goldberg and a law intern to compile all data from 11 states with regard to internet therapy, as well as Dr. Reading's correspondence. The law intern will begin working on the project in January 2016. Once completed, all information will be summarized for the full Committee to review.

XIII. FILED ORDERS

- A. Stephanie Fleming, LPC - November 19, 2015**
- B. Bianca Kazoun, LPC - November 5, 2015**
- C. Lisa Liedecker, LPC - November 5, 2015**
- D. Alexandra Zwartynski-Rush - November 5, 2015**

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 7, 2016.

Meeting Dates for 2016

January 7, 2016

February 5, 2016

March 3, 2016

April 7, 2016

May 5, 2016

June 2, 2016

July 7, 2016

August 7, 2016

September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Wanda Arocho
Allison Beal
Maria Gibbons
Aziza Hassan
Nicholas Koumarianos
Neisrein Mahmoud
Elyce McCutchen
Scott Minchello
Clara Pak
Nancy Puroint
Matthew Samuels
Nancy Sanders
Kirk Schuetz
Holly Weiss
Vakil Uma
Robert Vandertoorn

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Donna Bammond
John Barnett
Carol Bauder
Laura Byrnes
Alexa Carvalho
Lizzette Darouichi
Barbara Farrell
Tara Faigle
Caroline Feinberg
Lindsey Hartman
Lauren Hums
Elyce Jackson
Stephanie Lemmey
Megan McCulley
Steven Roll
Heather Ryan
Shantal Sanchez-Rybak
Alison Selser
Phillippa Taylor-Jenkins
Megan Thorry
Rachel Schwartz
Marie Vogel
Melissa Zabriskie

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Jessica Angley
Laura Christopher
David Cuzzo
Orkeem Davis
Danielle Gesso
Jill Goldner
Kimberlee McCollough
Molly McGoldrick
Sharon Murray
Jamie O'Malley
Alison Resnick
Toby Ribiat
Danah Rumble
Zoey Shalita-Keinan
Lisa Scanga
Joan Scavuzzo

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 1:12. Voting in favor: all.

